

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0061] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0061]** In an alternative embodiment, base structure 1110 may be composed of a substrate 1115 having other layers disposed thereon, for examples, a soft magnetic film. Layer 1120 may represent a soft magnetic film or a soft magnetic film disposed over a NiP layer. A soft magnetic film may be used to achieve the proper magnetic properties associated with perpendicular magnetic recording. The soft magnetic film may be a layer of ~~iron-copper-nickel~~ iron-cobalt-nickel (FeCoNi) material. Other materials that may be used for the soft magnetic film include ~~copper-iron~~ cobalt-iron (CoFe) nickel-iron (NiFe), and alloys thereof. Soft magnetic films and materials that may be used for manufacturing a soft magnetic film are well known in the art of magnetic recording disks; accordingly, a detailed discussion is not provided. The soft magnetic film may be polished and/or textured. The soft magnetic film may be textured with a pattern, by various methods such as mechanical texturing using fixed or free abrasive particles (e.g., diamond). Alternatively, other types of texturing methods, such as laser texturing, may be used to texture the soft magnetic film. In yet another embodiment, a thin NiP layer may be disposed on top of the soft magnetic film and polished and/or textured. In yet another embodiment, the soft magnetic film may be composed of one or more soft magnetic underlayers and one or more Ru interlayers disposed between soft magnetic underlayers.